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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by the Chairperson,
Shirley Leeper, PTA.

Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT, DPT
Rhea Cohn, PT, DPT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT, DPT
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson
Donald Novak, DPT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Ernest Bures, Compliance Manager
John Bull, Investigator
Paula Hollinger, Associate Director Healthcare Workforce
Sharon Bloom, Assistant to Ms. Hollinger

The minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were accepted with 2
changes.

Minutes

An inquiry from Susan Cecere, PT re school physical therapy medical
assistance billing problems was reviewed. The Board agreed this is a reimbursement
problem that is not within the Board's purview.

School PT
Medical
Assistance

An inquiry from Frank Collins, PT re PTA documentation was reviewed and
discussed. The Board agreed that a PTA cannot write the subjective patient statement
and the objective data to be used in the Physical Therapist's re-evaluation. He will
be so advised.

PTA
Documentation

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Jeffrey Haines, PT re a patient who
is also a cleaning person in a practice. He wanted to know if he would be
violating HIPPA regulations if he allowed her to unlock the door and let herself
in when she would be a patient. The Board advised that the office needs to
be HIPPA compliant and to keep everything clear, when she is a patient she

Patient/
Employee

needs to wait outside and be let in as any other patient would be.

Stephanie Harte e-mailed an inquiry regarding physical therapy consults received in a hospital. A PT is to use his/her own clinical judgment as to whether a consult needs to be completed. To her second question as to whether a PT may cancel a consult if the nurse, patient or family discussions indicate that it should not take place. The answer to that question is yes, again with the PT using his/her clinical judgment.

PT Consults

Ms. Suzanne Moore requested clarification as to whether a PT may take a verbal order for iontophoresis prior to obtaining a script. She will be advised that she may do so dependent upon the facility's policy about taking verbal orders. The Board's COMAR has nothing regarding verbal orders.

Verbal orders
For Iontophor-
esis

The Board reviewed and approved the latest version of the Monetary Penalty Regulations. Ms. Bethman advised that a Board counsel meeting scheduled soon the various Boards' drafts will be reviewed.

Monetary
Penalty

Ms. Aaron presented the latest information on the security of the NPTE examination. The NPTE1 will be given in May. The last day of the rolling examination dates for all candidates will be June 30. After that the exam will be given to all candidates on only specified dates. The PTA exam will remain being offered daily. Staff will be tuning into another WebEx to be offered on March 21. Discussion centered around the loss of temporary licensure. The Board also read the letter from the President of the APTA Student Association regarding his displeasure at the turn of the events regarding the NPTE.

NPTE

Ms. Leeper indicated she had spoken with someone responsible for the PT Aide program at Community College of Baltimore County. The person assured Ms. Leeper that they were aware of the COMAR regulations about PT Aides and were teaching accordingly. Ms. Leeper will follow up sometime in the future.

PT Aide
Program

Ms. Cohn presented a draft of the dry needling regulations that resulted in much discussion. The Board agreed it should be called "intramuscular manual therapy" and defined as such. Ms. Tyminski will contact Leslie Adrian at FSBPT for input on the education aspect of the regulations. The Board decided the informed consent was already covered in its regulations.

Dry Needling

Mrs. Tyminski updated the Board on the training program scheduled for May 12 to include expert witnesses and the Board members.

Training
Program

The application of Suchul Lee, a physical therapist educated in Korea, indicates he does not have sufficient clinical hours. The Board approved

PT Applicant

his education based on the fact that he has been licensed in other States since 2002. That work experience will be sufficient to counter the lack of clinical hours in his PT program.

The Board reviewed continuing education courses. They denied the course, "Under Standing Personality Disorders" because it was not sufficiently related to physical therapy. The vote was 5 to deny, 3 to approve.

Continuing
Education

The course, "Critical Appraisal and Application of Dysphagia Research: A Clinician's Approach to 'Digesting' the Literature" was determined to be speech-related. The vote was 5 deny, 3 abstain.

The course, "Transitioning Students with Disabilities, Success on the Post-Secondary Level and Beyond" was determined to have no bearing on the practice of physical therapy and was denied by a vote of 8 to deny.

The Board reviewed the Chiro News and an article from Fox News entitled "111 Charged in Medicare Scams Worth \$225 Million."

Informational

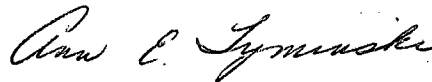
The Board unanimously voted to close the open session at 3:35 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (1). Unless recused, all Board members who were present for the open session participated in both the closed and administrative sessions.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Leeper, PTA, Chairperson

Date: April 19, 2011



Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director